

## 2020 Spring Assembly Meeting Minutes

**OPENING OF THE MEETING:** At 1:04pm, a ZOOM teleconference meeting for the 2020 Spring Assembly was held on July 18, 2020 which was postponed from May 16, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ginny C., Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. Geanie B., Oak Harbor Friday AFG, District 34, read the Twelve Traditions. Rose R., Wednesday River AFG, District 6 read the Concepts of Service. The General Warranties were read by Debbie K., Thursday Night Warren AFG, District 9.

Ginny C., Chairperson shared the following: The Area Assembly is the business meeting where the groups send their representatives to express a voice and vote on behalf of the group (Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual page 68). Voting: All members will have a voice but only the Group Representative may have a vote. Members of Al-Anon who are also members of AA may not serve as Group Representative. Ginny C., Chairperson also shared the World Service Conference (WSC) Rules of Etiquette with the membership.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Jo S., Alternate Delegate introduced the new Group Representatives: Patty D., Westside Women AFG, District 15; Debbie K., Thursday Night Warren AFG, District 9; Mary Beth G., Medina AFG; and Margaret H., Fifth Tradition AFG, District 15.

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**The full reports which were sent out and posted on the website prior to the Assembly can be found at the end of the meeting minutes**

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**MINUTES:** No additions or corrections were voiced by the membership. A motion was made to accept the 2019 Fall Assembly Minutes by Laura B., Willoughby 4<sup>th</sup> Step AFG, District 39 and the motion was seconded by Ann F., Genoa Giving and Getting, District 6. The minutes were approved by 97% with a 3% abstention.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: (see page 5)**

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Carolyn D., Tri-county AFG, District 15 and was seconded by Janet H., Athens Monday Noon AFG, District 19. The motion was approved by 100% of voters.

### **BUDGET REPORT: (see page 11)**

A motion was made to accept the Budget Report as presented by Susan H., Tuesday Help and Hope AFG, District 31 and was seconded by Sally S., Serenity Seekers AFG, District 31. The motion was carried by 100% of the voters.

**DELEGATE'S REPORT:**

You can find the complete Delegate's Report on the Ohio Al-Anon website at <https://ohioal-anon.org/documents.html>.

Highlights from the meeting:

- August 15 deadline to stand for Trustee-at-Large or Executive Committee for Real Property Management. See <https://al-anon.org/for-members/board-of-trustees/wso-volunteers/>
- Hybrid meetings have escalated because of Covid-19.
- Have your groups or districts implemented any of the top 10 dreams presented at the 2019 Fall Assembly (page of the minutes)?
- How are professionals finding out about Al-Anon?
- Electronic meetings registered on the WSO site are not part of an Area.
- Temporary Electronic Meetings of registered face-to-face meetings remain part of the service structure and are associated with the District and Area.
- **Talk with the Ohio Delegate August 15, 4PM**
  - **Share your experience, strength and hope with conducting meetings in the time of COVID-19 and increasing participation in service.**
  - **Register in advance for this meeting:**
  - **[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvf-2opzMvGdXDPfD\\_PGegz1uPxJbgeqNS](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvf-2opzMvGdXDPfD_PGegz1uPxJbgeqNS)**

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT AND AL-A-NOTES EDITOR: (see page 15)**

What do you do and/or like about your position?

The Alternate Delegate gathers writings from members about stuff that is going on in their district for the A-A-Notes Newsletter three times a year. The Alternate Delegate takes over for the Delegate or Chair in their absence. They do the New GR orientation at Spring and Fall Assembly.

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**Thought Force vs Task Force:** *A thought force is a temporary unit of people established to brainstorm ideas and to develop strategies on a single defined task or activity. A task force is a temporary unit of people established to work on a single defined task or activity. Thought force are the thinkers, task force are the doers. Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual page 71.*

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**TASK FORCE:** Isolated Groups: Encourage connection and participation: (see page 17)

**TASK FORCE:** Improving the Service Profile Form(s) and Motions: (see page 22)

**THOUGHT FORCE:** Cashless Options for Payments: (see page 25)

**TASK FORCE:** Develop an Area-wide Public Outreach Poster, Business Card, and Bands for *AL-ANON FACES ALCOHOLISM*: (see page 28)

**TASK FORCE:** Al-A-Notes Newsletter: Subscriptions and Exchanges: (see page 32)

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**COORDINATOR REPORTS:**

*Coordinators were asked to share a little bit about what they do in their job title and what they like about their position. The complete reports will be found at the end of the minutes with page numbers attached.*

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**ALATEEN REPORT: Sara M** (see page 33)

What I do and what I like about my position:

- Contact person for all Alateen related questions
- Facilitate workshops, facilitates rallies
- In charge of bank account for Alateen

**ARCHIVES REPORT:Phil H** (see page 34)

What I do and what I like about my position:

- Keeping AFG of Ohio history

**GROUP RECORDS REPORT: Shelly c**(see page 35)

What I do and what I like about my position:

- Need basic computer knowledge or at least a willingness to learn.
- Update AWSC list and keeps it current and available to members.
- Maintain current mailing list.
- Lots of data entry

**LITERATURE REPORT: Ann F** (see page 36)

What I do and what I like about my position:

- Need basic internet access
- Ability to read
- New digital literature

**PUBLIC OUTREACH: Sheri B**

What I do and what I like about my position:

- Inform general public of information concerning Al-Anon.
- Understand what groups are doing.
- Contact person

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**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

*Standing committee chairs were asked to explain a little bit of what they do and what they like about their job. You can find the complete reports at the end of the minutes.*

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**ALATEEN PROCESS PERSON (AAPP):Carmen I**(see page 38)

What I do and what I like about my position:

- Data entry
- Maintain record for AMIAS (AI-Anon Members involved in Alateen Service.
- Keep track of who is up to date on their AMIAS paperwork.

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE:Phil H ( )** (see page 39)

What I do and what I like about my position:

- Incorporate motions into the Handbook or Bylaws.

**OAC(OHIO AREA CONVENTION)/TWO DAY FALL LIAISON: SANDY F**(see page 40)

What I do and what I like about my position:

- Gives guidance and assistance to committees
- Answers questions from hotels.

**WEBSITE: MikeK** (see page 41)

What I do and what I like about my position:

- Maintains Ohio AI-Anon Website and email forwarding accounts.
- Checks for hackers.
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**2020 OHIO AREA CONVENTION REPORT:** (see page 42)

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**REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Shelly C/Carmen I/Ginny C**

Total attendance registered: 54 with 37 voting members

Districts represented: 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 19, 24, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 39, 45, 47, 51, 57



**RESERVES, BUDGET AND EXPENSES**

**January 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020**

<b>Assemble Funds</b>	<b>Balance 12-31-2019</b>	<b>Budget Adjustment</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Active Past Delegates Fund	600.00	0	0	0	600.00
Convention Float	4,000.00	0	0	-279.99	3,720.01
Convention Reserves	3,646.37	0	0	0	3,646.37
District Rep AWSC Meeting	315.00	0	0	0	315.00
Equipment Fund	39.50	0	0	0	39.50
Excess Funds	1,917.52	0	0	-0	1917.52
OAC Fund	470.00	0	0	0	470.00
Project Fund	1,542.48	0	0	-300.00	1,242.48
Transition Fund	8.28	0	0	0	8.28
<b>SUBTOTAL OF NON-BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>12,539.15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-579.99</b>	<b>11,959.16</b>

<b>BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>2019 BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>BUDGET BALANCE</b>
AA Convention Hospitality	200.00	0	200.00
Action Committee	40.00	0	40.00
Addiction Studies Institute	1,200.00	0	1,200.00
Al-A-Notes	150.00	-110.00	40.00
Alateen Coordinator	700.00	0	700.00
Alternate Delegate	50.00	0	50.00
Archives Coordinator	100.00	0	100.00
Audit/Review Committee	50.00	0	50.00
Budget Committee	100.00	0	100.00
Chairman	50.00	0	50.00
Compliance Liaison/AAPP	120.00	0	120.00
Delegate	200.00	0	200.00
Delegate Equal Fund	2,000.00	0	2,000.00
Del/Alt NCRDM & Delegate OAC	1,200.00	0	1,200.00
Forum Coordinator	10.00	0	10.00
Group Records Coordinator	150.00	0	150.00
Group Rep Orientation	100.00	0	100.00
Handbook and By-laws Committee	200.00	0	200.00
Liability & Crime Insurance	890.00	0	890.00
Literature Coordinator	10.00	0	10.00
Meeting Expenses	3,500.00	-16.92	3,483.08
Postage	600.00	-67.80	532.20
Public Outreach Coordinator	10.00	0	10.00
Secretary	150.00	0	150.00
Travel Expenses	3,000.00	0	3,000.00
Treasurer	500.00	-164.00	336.00
Two-Day Fall & Convention Liaison	10.00	0	10.00
Two-Day Hospitality	300.00	0	300.00
Website setup and maintenance	200.00	0	200.00
<b>SUBTOTAL OF BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>15,790.00</b>	<b>-358.72</b>	<b>15,431.28.</b>

**DONATIONS BT DISTRICTS**  
**January 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020**

District Number	Number of Donations	# of Appeal Donations	Appeal Letter \$ Donation	Group \$ Donations	Total \$ Donations	# of Groups Donating
01	1	0	0	40.00	40.00	1
02	1	0	00	25.00	25.00	1
03	0	0	0	0	0	0
04	5	0	0	160.00	160.00	3
05	0	0	0	0	0	0
06	0	0	0	0	0	0
07	1	0	0	60.00	60.00	1
08	0	0	0	0	0	0
09	3	0	0	65.00	65.00	3
10	1	0	0	25.000	25.00	1
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	2	0	0	100.00	100.00	2
13	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	5	0	0	260.00	260.00	5
15	12	0	0	582.01	582.01	10
16	2	0	0	10.99	10.99	1
17	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0
019	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	5	0	0	195.00	195.00	5
24	6	0	0	122.95	122.95	3
25	2	0	0	200.00	200.00	2
26	5	0	0	376.45	376.45	3
27	3	0	0	130.98	130.98	3
28	7	0	0	284.00	284.00	6
29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	3	0	0	100.00	100.00	3
31	5	0	0	321.07	321.07	5
32	3	0	0	100.00	100.00	2
33	1	0	0	5.50	5.50	1
34	1	0	0	34.08	34.08	1
37	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	1	0	0	50.00	50.00	1
39	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	3	0	0	175.00	175.00	3
47	2	0	0	150.00	150.00	2
48	1	0	0	50.00	50.00	1
51	2	0	0	50.00	50.00	1
56	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	3	0	0	110.25	110.25	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3783.28</b>	<b>3783.28</b>	<b>72</b>

**Treasurer's Report - Ohio Area Assembly  
Yearend Report January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019**

Group Donations		12,185.48
Plea Letter		1,085.90
CD matured interest		254.52
52 GR Registrations Spring Assembly		260.00
GR Registrations 2 Day Fall Assembly		410.00
Return of Convention Float		2,000.00
Other Donations		250.00
Personal Donations		33.29
Al-A-Notes Subscriptions		23.75
Cincinnati Insurance Company (Claim #3258038)		7,953.82
Return of Hospitality Funds		44.17
Profit from 2019 OAC		2,122.83
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	26,623.76
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>RESERVE FUNDS</b>		
Active Past Delegate Fund		
Convention Float		
Convention Reserve		
District Rep AWSC Meeting		
Equipment Fund	-1,910.50	
Excess Fund	-2,000.00	
OAC Fund		
Projects Fund		
Transition Fund	-141.72	
<b>Total Reserve Funds expended</b>		-4,052.22
<b>ADVANCE</b>	Check # 422	-210.00
<b>RETURNED INSURANCE CLAIM TO ALATEEN</b>	Check # 412	-7,953.82
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>		-9,801.99
<b>Return of Two Day Hospitality Funds</b>		-44.17
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	-22,062.20
	<b>BALANCE 12/31/2018</b>	42,863.88
	<b>INCOME</b>	26,623.76
	<b>EXPENSES</b>	-22,062.20
	<b>BOOK BALANCE 12/31//2019</b>	<b>47,425.44</b>
<b>ACCOUNTING FOR FUNDS</b>		
<b>Assembly Reserves held in Huntington Bank</b>		
19 month CD (matures 8/11/2020)		10,000.00
19 month CD (matures 8/11/2020)		5,000.00
19 month CD (matures 8/11/2020)		5,000.00
<b>Checking Account – Huntington Bank 12/31/2019</b>		27,425.44
	<b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</b>	<b>47,425.44</b>

Respectfully Submitted,



**RESERVES, BUDGET AND EXPENSES**  
**Yearend Report January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019**

M;/ Assemble Funds	<i>Balance 12-31-2018</i>	<i>Budget Adjustment</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Active Past Delegates Fund	0	600.00	0	0	600.00
Convention Float	2,000.00	0	2,000.00	0	4,000.00
Convention Reserves	3,146.37	0	500.00	0	3,646.37
District Rep AWSC Meeting	315.00	0	0	0	315.00
Equipment Fund	437.78	1512.22	0	-1910.50	39.50
Excess Funds	19.29	2,275.40	1,622.83	-2,000.00	1,917.52
OAC Fund	470.00	0	0	0	470.00
Project Fund	513.85	1,028.63	0	0	1,542.48
Transition Fund	0	150.00	0	-141.72	8.28
<b>SUBTOTAL OF NON-BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>6,902.29</b>	<b>5,566.25</b>	<b>4,122.83</b>	<b>-4,052.22</b>	<b>12,539.15</b>

<b>BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>2019 BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>BUDGET BALANCE</b>
AA Convention Hospitality	200.00	-201.02	-1.02
Action Committee	40.00	0	40.00
Addiction Studies Institute	1,200.00	0	1,200.00
Al-A-Notes	150.00	-205.85	-55.85
Alateen Coordinator	700.00	-86.54	613.46
Alternate Delegate	50.00	0	50.00
Archives Coordinator	100.00	-44.89	55.11
Audit/Review Committee	50.00	0	50.00
Budget Committee	100.00	0	100.00
Chairman	50.00	0	50.00
Compliance Liaison/AAPP	120.00	-92.61	27.39
Delegate	200.00	-2.70	197.30
Delegate Equal Fund	2,000.00	-1953.00	47.00
Del/Alt NCRDM & Delegate OAC	1,200.00	-1251.35	-51.35
Forum Coordinator	10.00	0	10.00
Group Records Coordinator	150.00	-142.84	7.16
Group Rep Orientation	100.00	0	100.00
Handbook and By-laws Committee	200.00	-184.10	15.90
Liability & Crime Insurance	890.00	-915.00	-25.00
Literature Coordinator	10.00	0	10.00
Meeting Expenses	3,500.00	--1051.46	2,448.54
Postage	600.00	-497.70	102.30
Public Outreach Coordinator	10.00	-20.00	-10.00
Secretary	150.00	-453.10	-303.10
Travel Expenses	3,000.00	-2,160.54	839.46
Treasurer	500.00	-198.78	301.22
Two-Day Fall & Convention Liaison	10.00	0	10.00
Two Day Hospitality	300.00	-255.83	44.17
Website setup and maintenance	200.00	-84.68	115.32
<b>SUBTOTAL OF BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>15,790.00</b>	<b>-9,801.99</b>	<b>5,988.01</b>

**DONATIONS BY DISTRICTS**  
**Yearend Report January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019**

District Number	Number of Donations	# of Appeal Donations	Appeal Letter \$ Donation	Group \$ Donations	Total \$ Donations	# of Groups Donating
01	0	0	0	0	0	0
02	1	0	0	25.00	25.00	1
03	0	0	0	0	0	0
04	10	0	0	290.00	290.00	4
05	0	0	0	0	0	0
06	5	0	0	275.00	275.00	3
07	1	0	0	150.00	150.00	1
08	0	1	20.00	0	20.00	1
09	10	1	10.00	228.00	238.00	5
10	5	0	0	235.60	235.60	3
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	1	2	125.00	50.00	175.00	3
13	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	17	0	0	677.00	677.00	8
15	34	3	253.40	2615.26	2868.66	19
16	11	0	0	312.67	312.67	5
17	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	1	0	0	35.00	35.00	1
20	1	0	0	100.00	100.00	1
23	7	1	25.00	497.50	522.50	6
24	11	1	12.00	489.02	501.02	5
25	5	0	0	330.00	330.00	4
26	17	1	25.00	1344.22	1369.22	9
27	6	1	100.00	421.04	521.04	7
28	12	0	0	653.51	653.51	7
29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	7	2	55.00	255.00	310.00	4
31	10	1	49.00	646.23	695.23	7
32	5	0	0	165.00	165.00	3
33	5	0	0	90.00	90.00	3
34	4	0	0	189.20	189.20	1
37	0	1	20.00	0	20.00	1
38	6	0	0	352.10	352.10	5
39	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	4	2	75.00	97.50	172.50	4
43	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	2	1	50.00	75.00	125.00	3
47	2	1	50.00	75.00	125.00	3
48	5	2	66.50	250.00	316.50	3
51	14	0	0	670.00	670.00	8
56	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	10	1	150.00	591.63	741.63	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1085.90</b>	<b>12185.48</b>	<b>13271.38</b>	<b>145</b>

# BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Good afternoon, everyone.

Robin has been kind to fill in for me at AWSC, again.

The budget committee got together again via a conference call on March 1, 2020

Our 2019 Income was from:

Group Donations	\$12,185.48
Plea Letter	1,085.90
CD interest	254.52
Other Donations	250.00
Personal Donations	33.29

These numbers are from the  
2019 Treasurer's Report page 1

Donations income is \$13,809.19

Our Excess Funds were arrived at by subtracting our 2019 expenses from our budgeted amounts.

2019 Budget	\$15,790.00	
2019 Expenses	- 9,801.99	2019 Treasurer's Report page 2
2019 Excess	\$ 5,988.01	

Excess Funds are also listed as Budget Balance on page 2 of Judy's report. Part of that is from the end of the Addictions Studies Institute trial, but more so I think it is from people being better stewards of our resources.

Next we took

Income	\$13,809.19	
Reserve Fund	- 1,925.00	adjustment
2020 Budget	<u>\$11,884.19</u>	

The \$0.19 went into Excess Funds

We changed 4 budget item names. Audit and Review is now Review Committee, Compliance/AAPP is now AAPP, Postage & Plea Letters, and Group Rep Orientation is now New DR & New GR Orientation.

We deleted the Action Committee and Addiction Studies categories.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Kaltenbach  
Budget Chair

## OAA 2020 BUDGET WORKSHEET

### 2019 Income

Group Donations	12,1825.00	
Plea Letter Contributions	1,086.00	
Personal Donations	33.00	
Other Donations	250.00	
Interest Income	<u>255.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME: budget & reserves	13,809.00	(2018 - 18,930.00)

### ASSEMBLY FUNDS

#### Excess Funds

	15,790.00	
2019 Budget	<u>-9,802.00</u>	
2019 Expended	5,988.00	
	<u>-1,000.00</u>	Transferred to Reserves from Excess Funds
	<b>4,988.00</b>	To Excess Funds 2020

#### Reserve Funds

Active Past Delegate	0
Fund Convention Float	0
Convention Reserve	0
Projects	1,000.00
District Rep AWSC meeting	35.00
Equipment Fund	690.00
OAC Fund	0
Transition Fund	<u>200.00</u>
<i>Reserve Fund Adjustments</i>	<i>1,925.00</i>
<i>Adjustment from Excess Funds</i>	<i>-1,000/00</i>
<b>Total Reserve Fund Adjustments</b>	<b>925.00</b>

TOTAL INCOME for budget & reserves (from above)	13,809.00
<u>Total Reserve Fund Adjustments</u>	<u>-925.00</u>
<b>Available for 2020 Budget</b>	<b>12,884 .00</b>

## 2020 Proposed RESERVES & BUDGET

Assembly Funds	<i>2019 Balance</i>	<i>Adjustment</i>	<i>New Balance</i>
Active Past Delegates Fund	600.00	0	600.00
Convention Float	4,000 .00	0	4,000.00
Convention Reserves	3,646.37	0	3,646.37
District Rep AWSC Meeting	315.00	35.00	350.00
Equipment Fund	39.50	690.00	729.50
Excess Funds	1,917.52	4,988.00	6,905.52
OAC Fund	470.00	0	470.00
Project Fund	1,542.48	1,000.00	2,542.48
Transition Fund	8.28	200.00	208.28

<b>BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>2020 BUDGET</b>	<b>2019 BUDGET</b>	<b>2019 EXPENSE</b>
AA Convention Hospitality	200.00	200.00	-201.02
Action Committee	0.00	40.00	0
Addiction Studies Institute	0.00	1,200.00	0
AI-A-Notes	300.00	150.00	-205.85
Alateen Coordinator	350 .00	700 .00	-86.54
Alternate Delegate	25.00	50.00	0
Archives Coordinator	50.00	100.00	-44.89
Audit/ Review Committee	25.00	50.00	0
Budget Committee	25.00	100.00	0
Chairman	25.00	50.00	0
AAPP	10 0 .00	120.00	-92.61
Delegate	10 0.00	200.00	-2.70
Delegate Equal Fund	2,500 .00	2,000 .00	-1953 .00
Del/Alt NCRDM & Delegate OAC	1,000.00	1,200.00	-1251.35
Forum Coordinator	10 .00	10.00	0
Group Records Coordinator	150.00	150.00	-142.84
New Group/Dist Rep Orientation	50.00	100.00	0
Handbook and By-laws Committee	200.00	200.00	-184.10
Liability & Crime Insurance	890 .00	890.00	-915.00
Literature Coordinator	10 .00	10.00	0
Meeting Expenses	3,500 .00	3,500 .00	--1051.46
Postage Plea Letters	500 .00	600.00	-497.70
Public Outreach Coordinator	10.00	10.00	-20.00
Secretary	150 .00	150.00	-453.10
Travel Expenses	2,054.00	3,000.00	-2,160.54
Treasurer	250.00	500.00	-198.78
Two-Day Fall & Convention Liaison	10.00	10.00	0
Two-Day Hospitality	300.00	300.00	-255.83
Website setup and maintenance	10 0.00	200 .00	-84 .68
<b>SUBTOTAL OF BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>12,884.00</b>	<b>15,790.00</b>	<b>-9,801.99</b>

<b>Assembly Funds</b>	<b>Balance 12-31-2019</b>	<b>Budget Adjustment</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Active Past Delegates Fund	600.00	0	600.00
Convention Float	4,000.00	0	4,000.00
Convention Reserves	3,646.37	0	3,646.37
District Rep AWSC Meeting	315.00	35.00	350.00
Equipment Fund	39.50	690.00	729.50
Excess Funds	1,917.52	4,988.00	6,905.52
OAC Fund	470.00	0	470.00
Project Fund	1,542.48	1,000.00	2,542.48
Transition Fund	8.28	200.00	208.28

<b>BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>2020 Proposed BUDGET</b>	<b>2019 BUDGET</b>	<b>2019 EXPENSE</b>
AA Convention Hospitality	200.00	200.00	-201.02
Action Committee	0.00	40.00	0
Addiction Studies Institute	0.00	1,200.00	0
Al-A-Notes	300.00	150.00	-205.85
Alateen Coordinator	350.00	700.00	-86.54
Alternate Delegate	25.00	50.00	0
Archives Coordinator	50.00	100.00	-44.89
Audit/Review Committee	25.00	50.00	0
Budget Committee	25.00	100.00	0
Chairman	25.00	50.00	0
Compliance Liaison/AAPP	100.00	120.00	-92.61
Delegate	100.00	200.00	-2.70
Delegate Equal Fund	2,500.00	2,000.00	-1953.00
Del/Alt NCRDM & Delegate OAC	1,000.00	1,200.00	-1251.35
Forum Coordinator	10.00	10.00	0
Group Records Coordinator	150.00	150.00	-142.84
Group Rep Orientation	50.00	100.00	0
Handbook and By-laws Committee	200.00	200.00	-184.10
Liability & Crime Insurance	890.00	890.00	-915.00
Literature Coordinator	10.00	10.00	0
Meeting Expenses	3,500.00	3,500.00	--1051.46
Postage	500.00	600.00	-497.70
Public Outreach Coordinator	10.00	10.00	-20.00
Secretary	150.00	150.00	-453.10
Travel Expenses	2,054.00	3,000.00	-2,160.54
Treasurer	250.00	500.00	-198.78
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## Alternate Delegate Report for Summer Assembly 2020

July 18, 2020

The Winter Ala-a-Notes were put on our website, January 5, 2020 and the Spring Al-A-Notes were posted on April 10, 2020

7 electronic copies were sent to as part of the newsletter exchange with other areas. (Winter 2020). 5 electronic copies were sent in Spring of 2020.

In our first distribution for 2020, 24 copies were mailed to other AFG's (that wanted a hard copy rather than electronic) as well as those who have purchased a subscription. Only 5 of these were subscriptions. There were not any new subscriptions and several ended and were not renewed. We lost 6 subscriptions. For the Spring 2020 Edition, we still mailed out 5 subscriptions and 1 copy to the archives.

There is currently a task force on the future of the newsletter exchange and there will be additional information in that report.

**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSIONS AND COMMUNICATION TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR.** There is a new e-mail address (thank you Mike!) for the newsletter. It is:

[newsletter@ohioal-anon.org](mailto:newsletter@ohioal-anon.org)

This will help to ensure that newsletter information is getting to the correct person (as positions change). Please use this new e-mail going forward for all newsletter business. Thank you!

To date, all of the Officers have submitted information about their positions, so as we get closer to elections for the new panel, we will have information about the positions that will be open this Fall for the next panel. I would ask that the coordinators now submit the following information about their position:

How long have you been in this position?

How much time does it take?

What did you learn from doing this position?

What surprised you about this position?

--- And anything else you think would be information you would want to have before deciding to run for a coordinator position.

We had a lot of district news turned in for this last issue, and it was quite different from what we are used to! Since the start of this pandemic, the fellowship has had to stop having face to face meetings and the creativity that has come out of this has been so encouraging. WSO has always had phone and electronic meetings, but in addition to what they have, electronic meetings (many of them temporary) have sprung up all over the area. We all miss meeting face to face, but some of the electronic meetings have been amazing and most importantly they give Al-Anon the means to keep reaching out to those in need! The Spring edition of Al-A-Notes was filled with YOUR suggestions on how we can still “meet” and work our program. District 51 and 25 in Portage and Summit Counties even did an electronic workshop! All areas stepped up to the challenge in these somewhat difficult times.

Take care and thank you for all that you do!

Yours in Service

Jo S



## KBDM: TASK FORCE: ISOLATED GROUPS-ENCOURAGE CONNECTION AND PARTICIPATION

**TOPIC/CHARGE:** Develop a skit or workshop to demonstrate the issues that are behind why groups are isolated from AFG of Ohio. Develop at least two strategies that can be implemented by Ohio groups to decrease the isolation of groups and improve the links of service.

**FRAMING:** What to do to encourage groups who are isolated in Ohio Area to get connected and participate.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**What we know:** Pages 140 and 141 of the AI-Anon/Alateen Service Manual; 2018- 2021 describes the links of service from the GR position up to the Delegate who in turn represents us at the World Service Conference. Groups that have these positions filled have a direct connection to the area and to WSO. When these positions are not filled, many groups feel disconnected and/or isolated.

**Historical perspective:** At the 2012 Fall Assembly, the Membership Outreach Action Committee addressed the issue of isolated groups. A task force to bring workshops to isolated groups was established but disbanded. In Fall of 2018, another Thought Force was established: [What to do to encourage groups who are isolated in Ohio Area to get connected and participate]. A KBDM was presented at Spring 2019 AWSC. At the Spring Assembly, the Membership Outreach Action Committee began discussing what could be done. The geographic parts of the Area that are most affected are south of Toledo, southern Ohio, especially near the Ohio River. Some other ideas that have arisen throughout this process are: District Representatives visit groups that do not have DR's or GR's, email each group information from AFG of Ohio, adopt a group, pen pals and road trips. Most recently as we come to terms of the current pandemic, many of us have learned other ways to communicate so that we are not isolated. Electronic meetings are one way in which we have been able to stay connected; even with our Spring 2020 AWSC being done via a electronic format.

Existing motions that pertain to this topic: None

### **WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT OUR MEMBER'S OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBER'S WANTS, NEEDS AND PREFERENCES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THIS DISCUSSION?**

- Many members want to connect with other AFG's, their District and Area organization.
- Many current and prospective members want to understand AL-Anon's structure and their part in it.

### **WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE CAPACITY AND STRATEGIC POSITION OF THE ORGANIZATION RELATIVE TO THE ISSUE?**

Many groups are not able to connect because of either their geographical location in the Area or service positions that are not filled.

(Links of Service <https://al-anon.org/pdf/S28.pdf>).

### **WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE CURRENT REALITIES AND EVOLVING DYNAMICS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THIS DISCUSSION?**

- The connection is not made due to broken links of service. [ groups without GR's and districts without DR's]
- There are districts with few or no groups

### **WHAT ARE THE ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF OUR CHOICES (PRO/CON)? THIS INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF HOW THE LEGACIES APPLY. IDENTIFY BOTH PRO'S AND CON'S.**

- Pro- Connecting through links of service will help to create healthy meetings.
- Pro- Providing assistance and guidance will encourage members to be involved.
- Con- The load may be more than members are able to take on.
- Con- Combining districts may lead to gaps in opportunities to reach prospective members and start new groups.

### **WHAT DO WE WISH WE KNEW, BUT DON'T?**

For Discussion:

- Will members be willing to take on additional responsibilities?

### **SUGGESTIONS:**

- What can we do to encourage existing and new members to participate in service?
  - When possible and Assemblies and Conventions, have workshops and skits that show how important service is and how it can be beneficial not only to your group and Area, but also for your personal recovery.
  - Have half or who day workshops on service
- What can we do to help groups that are geographically isolated?
  - Look at the possibility of re-districting our Area. There are several Districts that fewer than three groups in their district. (which may cover several counties)
  - Help and support members in starting up new meetings in these areas.
  - Support these areas in starting electronic meetings that would have representation at the Assembly

NEED FOR A MOTION? Not currently. This task force has identified two strategies that can be implemented. It is our suggestion that one, possibly two new task force be formed to work on each of these ideas. [ broken links of service and geographical isolation].

Presented by: Jo S, Sabreena E and Rhea L.

district map

	A	B	C	D
1	District #	DR, Y/N	of meetin	Counties covered
2				
3	1	Y	7	Cuyahoga
4	2	Y	7	Cuyahoga
5	3	N	1	Noble, Monroe, Belmont Harrison
6	4	Y	18	Mahoning, Columbiana Jefferson
7	5	Y	19	Cuyahoga
8	6	Y	10	Lucas Wood
9	7	Y	14	Cuyahoga
10	8	Y	9	Lorain
11	9	Y	9	Trumbell
12	10	Y	10	Lucas, Williams, Fulton
13	<b>11</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hardin, Wyandott, Crawford</b>
14	12	N	7	Erie, Huron
15	<b>13</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Marion, Morrow, Knox</b>
16	14	N	12	Hamilton
17	15	N	28	Hamilton, Clearmont, Brown
18	16	N	14	Hamilton, Warren, Clinton
19	17	N	4	Highland, Pike, Adams, Sciota
20	<b>18</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Jackson, Lawrence,, Gallia</b>
21	<b>19</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Meigs Athens, Washington, Morgan</b>
22	<b>20</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Vinton, Hocking, Ross</b>
23	23	N	12	Montgomery, Darke, Miami, Preble ?
24	24	Y	9	Clarke, Greene
25	25	Y	17	Summit Medina
26	26	N	25	Franklin and Delaware
27	27	N	11	Montgomery
28	28	N	11	Franklin, Licking
29	<b>29</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Ashtabula</b>
30	30	Y	13	Lucas, Defiance, Henry, Paulding, Putnam
31	31	Y	15	Franklin, Union
32	32	N	15	Madison Fayette
33	33	Y	13	Frankin, Fairfield
34	34	Y	6	Cuyahoga
35	<b>37</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Logan, Champaign</b>
36	38	Y	21	Cuyahoga
37	39	Y	9	Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca
38	41	N	10	Allen, Van Wert
39	<b>43</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Muskingan, Coshocton, Perry, Guernesey</b>
40	45	Y	21	Geauga, Lake
41	47	Y	18	Cuyahoga
42	48	Y	18	Stark, Carroll, Summit
43	51	Y	14	Summit, Portage
44	56	Y	10	Wayne Holmes Ashland
45	57	N	12	Montgomery

Isolated Groups Task Force Report  
Summer 2020 Assembly  
July 18, 2020

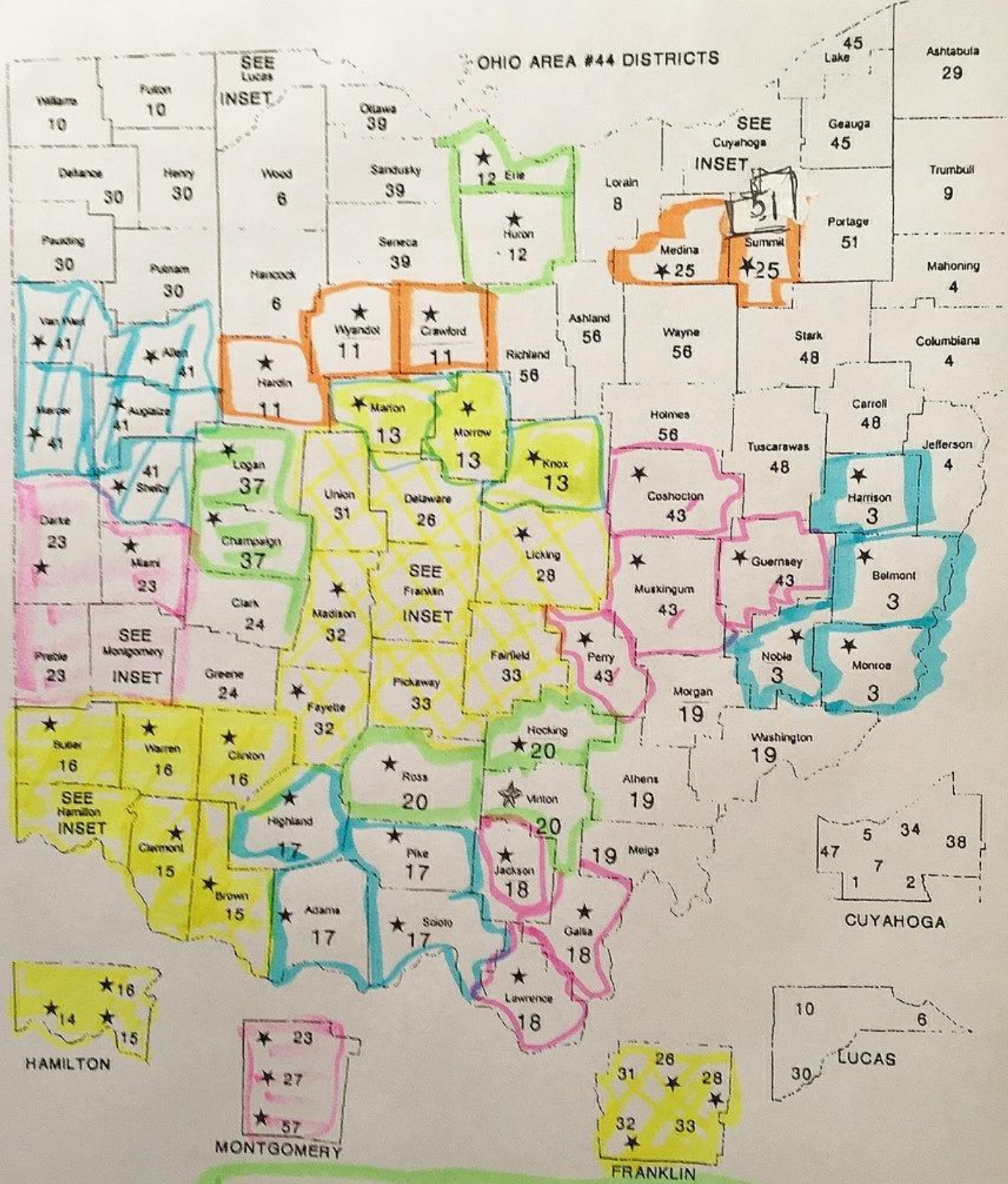
This task force has met several times (March through May) via Zoom. We made quite a bit of progress this past Spring.

We have completed a KBDM that is attached to this report along with two attachments that are examples of what we found. The charge for this task force was to develop a skit or workshop to demonstrate the issues that are behind why groups are isolated from AFG of Ohio. This skit ( which we borrowed) is attached to this report. We were also to develop at least two strategies that can be implemented by Ohio groups to decrease the isolation of groups and improve the links of service. These two strategies along with some recommendations are in the KBDM.

It is our recommendation that this task force be ended and another task force ( or 2) be started to follow up on these strategies.

Yours in Service

Jo S  
Sabreena E  
Rhea L



What's missing from this picture?  
**YOU ARE!!!**

## **HANDBOOK MOTIONS**

### **Motion # 1:- Carried**

(37 yes, 1 no, no abstention)

To insert in the Handbook a new heading "Elections" followed by:

PROCESS FOR BEING A CANDIDATE FOR OHIO AREA ASSEMBLY (OAA) POSITION:  
Every three years, the OAA has an election to fill the positions of leadership at the Area level. Every candidate needs to complete a Service Profile and submit it to the Chairperson by September 30. Should an election occur at another Assembly, the profile should be completed two weeks prior to the Assembly.

### **Motion # 2:- Carried**

(34 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions)

Amend requirement for all Officer positions

On page 4 of 44 of the October 2019 Ohio Handbook of General and Working Committee Procedures for Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc.: Add under Officers of Ohio Area Assembly after "Except as specifically amended herein; the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual shall govern all officers." Once elected, Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Treasurer must be AMIAS certified during their term in office. It is strongly recommended all officers become AMIAS certified in order to be fully available to support and attend Alateen meetings.

### **Motion # 3- Carried**

(35 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions)

To insert under the topic "Elections" the attached Service Profile:

## Area 44 (Ohio) Al-Anon Service Profile

When considering serving at the Area level, **please review eligibility requirements** and the responsibilities found in the current Ohio Bylaws and the Ohio Handbook, the current relevant Guidelines (available online at the WSO Members site) and the Duties of Assembly Members found in the current version of the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual P24/27.

**Once elected, Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Treasurer shall be AMIAS certified by the start of and throughout their term in office.** All other officers are encouraged to become AMIAS certified in order to be available to support and participate in Alateen activities. Refer to the Handbook Appendix pages A1-9.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Preferred) Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell  Landline

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**MARK ALL POSITIONS THAT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:**

Delegate  Alternate Delegate

Secretary  Treasurer  Chairperson

Coordinator:  Specify all \_\_\_\_\_

Standing Committee Chair  Specify all: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Active in Al-Anon/Alateen \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group Name and location: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT AREA Service Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

PAST AREA Service Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT DISTRICT Service Position \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

PAST Service Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Some basic computer experience is helpful for communication purposes for all positions, i.e. email.

For certain positions Excel, Word, PowerPoint are necessary for performance of the duties. Some aid will be provided to those with less experience and the time and willingness to learn.

What skills and knowledge will you bring to the Area? Please answer "Yes" or "No" and in the space provided.

Are you proficient with basic computer skills? Check one:

Excel            Y     N     Willing to learn

PowerPoint    Y     N     Willing to learn

Word            Y     N     Willing to learn

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you experienced in electronic communication?

- Accessing and navigating websites?            Y     N
- Familiar with navigating the AI-Anon website?    Y     N
- Experience with AFG Connects?            Y     N
- Using email and downloading attachments?    Y     N
- I own or have access to a computer and a printer    Y     N

Are you conversant in languages other than English?    Y     N

• Which languages? \_\_\_\_\_

• Reading            Y     N

• Writing            Y     N

• Speaking            Y     N

What do you hope to accomplish in Area service?

Describe any special skills or talents you possess (non-AI-Anon as well) that could assist you while serving in this position?

I give permission for the current Area Chairman to keep this Service Profile.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **THOUGHT FORCE ON CASHLESS MEANS OF PAYMENT KNOWLEDGE BASED DECISION MAKING FORM**

**Charge:** Explore the pros and cons of collecting monies for registrations for Ohio Area Conference (OAC) or Ohio Area Assembly (OAA), and for appeal, group and other donations via cashless vs. cash means. Outline the pros and cons of various cashless means of payment.

**FRAMING:** Delegates at the Fall AWSC were asked to bring the following question to their Areas: How are your groups/Areas dealing with a cashless society? Many forms of cash transfers that were mentioned (PayPal, Venmo, Debit Cards/Credit Cards). The WSO already takes a personal credit card or PayPal account to purchase literature or give a donation.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Although it is unlikely that we will move completely away from cash, the country is becoming increasingly less cash dependent. As of 2017, only 30% of transactions were paid in cash.

For organizations, cashless payment methods provide accounting checks and balances records and will likely increase donations, registrations and the sale/distribution of materials.

For individuals, cashless payment methods provide a real-time record of payment when making a purchase, completing a registration, or confirming a donation.

**What we know:** WSO collects donations and accepts payment for literature and registrations by credit card and through PayPal. Many Areas, districts, and groups around the country also accept credit card, PayPal and Venmo payments. Often, the nominal fees associated with cashless payments are passed onto the individuals making payments in keeping with Tradition 7, which encourages us to pay our own way.

**Historical perspective:** Our Area has not historically accepted cashless payments. Recently, with online meetings replacing in-person group meetings, some groups have begun using Venmo or Paypal to collect donations and sell literature.

**Existing Motions that appertain to this topic:** None that we are aware of.

**KBDM#1. What do we know about our member’s or prospective member’s wants, needs, and preferences that are relevant to this discussion?**

Members have expressed a desire to make secure cashless payments. Many groups in the Area are accepting cashless payments while meetings are being held online, and some have indicated that they intend to continue to allow both cash and cashless payments going forward to support the common welfare of the group.

The current system of accepting only cash payments limits the ability of individuals to make donations and purchase registrations, literature, and materials.

Members making cashless payments, want simple, secure, trusted payment options. Paypal is ubiquitous, secure, universally trusted, and allows users to pre-link multiple cards and bank accounts for payment. Square is also commonly used and trusted to process payments, and offers the advantage of tracking both card and cash payments. Both are easy to administer by groups with no special skill sets.

The thought force felt that news-feed-based social payment platforms like Venmo, WeChat, and Facebook should be avoided as they do not preserve anonymity.

**KBDM#2. What do we know about the capacity and strategic position of the organization relative to this issue?**

We have the intelligence and technical capacity to implement and support cashless payments. By offering cashless payments, we will strategically align ourselves with the WSO and other Areas that already offer cashless payments.

**KBDM#3. What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion?**

Fewer and fewer people carry much cash with them. This trend is continuing to grow and impacts all demographic groups. When cashless payments are not available, people may have to forgo donating, registering for events, or purchasing materials.

**KBDM#4. What are the ethical implications of our choices (pro and cons)? This includes consideration of how the Legacies apply. Identify both pros and cons.**

Pros - Cashless payments will:

- Allow more individuals to make donations and purchase AI-Anon literature, materials, and registrations.

- Provide individuals, groups, districts, and Areas with more opportunities to pay/collect money.
- Provide a digital paper-trail of all payments, which may reduce the risk of mismanagement or misappropriation of funds.
- Allow AI-Anon interactions to be more relevant to younger and more tech-savvy members.
- Provide service opportunities for those with experience with cashless payments to help those learning how to use them.
- Provide growth opportunities for all of us to learn, grow, and adapt to new payment technologies.

Cons - Cashless payments will:

- Require resources such as a card reader and/or tablet.
- Require the development of new web or mobile tools to allow cashless payments.

**KBDM#5. What do we wish we knew, but don't?**

- Nothing. We don't believe there are unknowns that would alter our recommendation to form a taskforce to develop cashless payment options.

**Questions and clarifications?**

WSO has proven cashless payments in place that members are comfortable using. We encourage any future taskforce to contact WSO to learn about their payment options and consider mirroring their setup if it is feasible for our Area.

**Need for a motion?**

We recommend a motion be made to form a cashless payment taskforce to develop cashless solutions for the Area.

**Presented By:**

- Sheri B. – Public Outreach Coordinator, GR Mt. Washington 12 Step AFG (co-chair)
- Allison G. – Forum Coordinator (co-chair)
- Marilyn V. – GR, Berea Friday AM
- Mike K. – Website
- Fred S. – DR #5

## Public Outreach Report

The Covid-19 crisis has altered the landscape. Conferences we have attended in the past have been cancelled, professionals we shared information with are meeting with patients and constituents virtually, and many of the offices other locations in which we placed materials are limiting access. All signs point to this being a longer road than many had hoped, so a goal of Public Outreach for the remainder of 2020 is to help districts and groups meet the professional communities where they are.

- **Monthly public outreach updates** are being emailed during the last week of each month to all on the AWSC Roster. If you have not received it and want to be added to the distro, please email me at [swbogardus@gmail.com](mailto:swbogardus@gmail.com).
- **The PSA campaign** is getting a much needed boost as the WSO kicks off a new media push in June and July of 2020. I'll share information on the media outlets to which PSAs have been sent in Ohio as soon as I receive it. In the meantime, please continue to encourage your local stations to request airings. PSAs can be requested by stations at: <https://al-anon.org/for-members/public-outreach/outreach-to-the-publicmedia/psa-requests>
- **Outreach to state-level professional organizations** is underway to gather information on how they are 'meeting' with and serving their members to get and share ideas for providing Al-Anon information.
- **Public outreach website enhancements** are being considered. I am researching how other states/areas provide public outreach information through their websites to gather best practices and ideas and will partner with Michael to make updates to our site. If you have ideas, please email me at [swbogardus@gmail.com](mailto:swbogardus@gmail.com).
- **A monthly public outreach call** is under consideration. The idea is to share information on efforts across our area, in other areas, and at the national level. We can also use these calls to explore and develop ideas to help us achieve our public outreach dreams:
  - Professionals – especially medical students, nurses and counselors become aware and refer to AFG
  - Electronic billboards and PSA's
  - AA's become more educated and aware and attend and refer family and friends to AFG
- **New outreach materials** shared at our last meeting, including two poster options, business card options, and a wrap for the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism

magazine, have been further refined, but are not yet been officially approved and may be adapted, as appropriate, for sharing electronically.

## Public Outreach Taskforce –

The taskforce was charged with developing:

- Public Outreach Poster
  - Public Outreach Printable Contact Cards
  - Public Outreach Bands for the new Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism Magazines
- Final drafts for WSO approval:
    - Poster



- Printable contact cards

<p><b>Worried about someone's drinking?</b></p> <p>Find hope and help in Al-Anon</p> <p>visit <a href="http://www.ohioal-anon.org">www.ohioal-anon.org</a></p>	<p>Contact me:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>AL-ANON / ALATEEN</b></p> <p><small>Hope and help for families and friends of alcoholics</small></p>
<p><b>Not everyone trapped by alcoholism is an alcoholic.</b></p> <p>Find hope and help in Al-Anon</p> <p>visit <a href="http://www.ohioal-anon.org">www.ohioal-anon.org</a></p>	<p>Contact me:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>AL-ANON / ALATEEN</b></p> <p><small>Hope and help for families and friends of alcoholics</small></p>
<p><b>Has someone's drinking affected your life?</b></p> <p>Find hope and help in Al-Anon</p> <p>visit <a href="http://www.ohioal-anon.org">www.ohioal-anon.org</a></p>	<p>Contact me:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>AL-ANON / ALATEEN</b></p> <p><small>Hope and help for families and friends of alcoholics</small></p>

- Bands for AFA Magazine

Take a 12<sup>th</sup> Step  
Share the Al-Anon Message of Hope  
Share AFAs with therapists, counselors, clergy,  
EAPs and other's in your Area

Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism (AFA) is a great tool to introduce Al-Anon to people who are unfamiliar with us and to inform professionals that Al-Anon is a valuable resource for individuals that have been affected by alcoholism.

- Where possible, these concepts may be adapted for electronic use.

**Places to place PUBLIC OUTREACH Materials**  
e.g. Forum, Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, Posters, Bookmarks

Please check with appropriate person(s) first:

- AA meeting rooms
- Al-Anon meeting rooms
- Rehab Facilities
- In-patient and out-patient facilities
- Counselor's/mental health offices
- Psychiatrist's office
- Doctor's offices
- Dentist's office
- Health offices at colleges, high schools, and places of work
- College/university dorms and community centers
- School-bulletin boards
- Work places
- Grocery stores
- Salvation army/goodwill stores
- Ethnic markets
- Laundromats
- Hair dressers
- Barbershops
- Police dept.
- Fire dept.
- Homeless shelters
- Churches
- Libraries - public and university
- Visitor information centers
- Chamber of commerce
- Community bulletin boards
- Senior housing foyers
- Prisons
- Recreation facilities
- Veteran's homes
- Refuge centers
- Community meal rooms
- Walk-in clinics
- University medical schools
- YMCA, YWCA
- National guard facilities
- Bus and train stations

## **TASK FORCE:** Future of AI-A-Notes Newsletter Exchanges

The task force met VIA freeconferencecall.com on March 4, 2020. And again, at the end of May. On the call were: Jo S and Ann F.

As was reported in March of 2020, paid subscriptions are down to five. Most mailings are going to other areas- there were 24 copies mailed to other AFG's. In response to the mailings we send out three times a year, we are getting back 2-3 newsletters from other areas. We get additional copies back electronically.

The recommendation of this task force is as follows:

- Continue the newsletter exchange but only send them out electronically. The current newsletter editor is working on putting together a current list of all AFG's with a current e-mail address that our newsletter can be sent to. This will be completed before the end of this year.
- Subscriptions should continue with no price increase as the largest cost was mailing to other AFG's who were not paying.
- Subscriptions can be encouraged for members that may not have access to our website or the ability to print out a copy.
- This last piece has already been completed and that was to create an e-mail address from which newsletters as well as information for newsletters can be sent. This e-mail address is active and listed below.

[Newsletter@ohioal-anon.org](mailto:Newsletter@ohioal-anon.org)

Yours in Service  
Ann and Jo



## ALATEEN COORDINATOR REPORT

So sorry I have been out of touch lately. I started a new job and trying to keep up with my schedule has proven to be a lot.

First, I have attached an updated zoom sheet. I believe these meetings are still occurring with variable participation.

Also, we will be having a virtual KOMIAC Saturday July 25, 2020. The current presumed plan is that Ohio will host, using Kentucky's Zoom account due to their increased size/time availability. Each state will be presenting a program. Ohio's topic will be Hope and Acceptance. The current plan will be for the teens to come up with a panel and mini online workshop around these topics. The presumed times for the program will be 10:30--6 with breaks worked in. We have also discussed leaving the zoom up and running into the late evening possibly 11 p.m. We will need Alateen AMIAS to volunteer to participate in this in shifts to ensure adequate AMIAS participation to cover break out rooms.

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SAT	12:00 P	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/374776239?pwd=Z2ZlaEh5Y1MrU3l1WHBvd0JtU2FBQT09">https://zoom.us/j/374776239?pwd=Z2ZlaEh5Y1MrU3l1WHBvd0JtU2FBQT09</a>	374 776 239
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### Covid-19 Response:

Most Alateen meetings closed “in-person,” meetings in response to Covid-19. Many of these created individual Alateen Zoom meetings. In addition we created state wide daily meetings, which were hosted by various AMIAS across the state. Currently there are Zoom meetings open to any teens in the state on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Some meetings have now opened in-person meetings and are being creative with their delivery, such as meeting outside.

The Rally, Sponsor workshop, and KOMIAC had to be cancelled due to restrictions for in-person events.

KOMIAC has been scheduled as a Zoom event for July 25, 2020 from 10:00AM—10:00PM and will require advanced registration. The directives have been sent out to AMIAS to distribute to interested teens. If you have teens who would be interested please reach out to me either via email: [s.r.m.afg22@gmail.com](mailto:s.r.m.afg22@gmail.com) or phone 216-712-9992 (texts work too). Only AMIAS adults will be able to join.

A sponsor workshop is in the works via zoom, details to follow.

Bank: Current Balance: \$10955.55

Transaction History Past 6 Months

3/23/2020: Check 9803114: \$6,562.20 (to Baldwin Wallace as deposit); Balance \$4,393.45

5/18/2020: Deposit: \$6,562.50 (Baldwin Wallace refund); Balance \$10,955.95

Please continue to recertify your AMIAS status.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara M Area Alateen Corrdinator

## 2020 Spring Assembly – Archives Coordinator Report

The complete re-inventorying, sorting, collating and indexing of the archives will be completed by the 2020 Fall Assembly. I truly hope we are meeting “in person” as I want to bring them to the Assembly so our members can see what has been done.

I would ask that the Area Secretary, Review Committee and anyone else with items for the archives get them to be no later than the Fall AWSC meeting in August so they can be properly filed.

This has been a labor of love and keeping the archives current will be much simpler from here on.

Phil Hoffman  
Archives Coordinator

## Group Record Report

As of July 1, 2020, according to the Ohio Database there are:

406 active groups

610 meetings listed

- 465 active meetings
  - 94 beginners meetings
  - 371 AFG meetings
  - 107 inactive groups

In Area 44 (Ohio Database) there are:

6 meetings in No Mail Status

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| • Corryville AFG                     | District 14 |
| • Paradise AFG                       | District 25 |
| • New Beginnings                     | District 18 |
| • Carry the Message                  | District 28 |
| • Sunday Night AFG                   | District 31 |
| • Friday Freedom for Pastoral Ldrshp | District 45 |

5 meetings in Bounced Email Status

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| • Mondays in Westerville        | District 26 |
| • Choices Thursday Gahana       | District 28 |
| • Southeast AFG                 | District 33 |
| • Ada Adult Children Hope Group | District 41 |
| • A New Beginning               | District 43 |

1 meeting report Not Meeting

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| • Me Too Women's Adult Children AFG | District 38 |
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In addition there are:

- 69 meetings that have no current email address
- 186 meetings without a GR

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Cassidy

Area Group Records Coordinator

## Literature Coordinator Report - July Virtual Assembly 2020

1. The latest version of the Service Manual, Version 2, is identified by with a Version 2 on the cover and on the Title Page. It is available to download from the website.
2. At the 2020 virtual World Service Conference (WSC), the World Service Office (WSO) shared with the Conference members the email created by the Board of Trustees' Electronic Meeting Work Group to welcome newcomers to permanent registered electronic meetings.

It can now be received by newcomers to any electronic meeting – whether it be temporary or permanent. We encourage you to share/display this URL with any newcomers to your meetings. The link will prompt the recipient to enter their personal email address for them to receive the welcome email: [al-anon.org/welcome](http://al-anon.org/welcome)

3. In answer to a question regarding purchasing AI-Anon literature from outside sources and the manner in which AI-Anon receives payment for literature, our WSO Literature Director, Tom Coffey posted the following response:

“The WSO makes its electronic literature (eBooks and audiobooks) available to our members by contracting with Amazon and certain other electronic media providers. In return for their royalty fee, the providers handle all set-up, processing, returns, reformatting as technology advances, etc.-all things that at this time would be cost-prohibitive for the WSO to set up on its own website. In a related way, when you buy a physical book, a portion of the price you pay covers the printing, which is also handled by an outside vendor. The WSO does get the majority of the income from the eBooks that are listed with links on our online store.

The WSO does not get a higher percentage of income for electronic literature than printed literature. However, we understand the ease and convenience of electronic literature, and therefore want to make it available to our members.

The WSO does not have any such contract with outside booksellers for physical books. As a not-for-profit entity, the WSO must sell literature to anyone who wishes to purchase it, but does not sell books to any book dealer at as great a discount as to LDCs. This is why the new books sold directly from outside vendors are marked higher than the WSO price. The lower-priced books are usually used books. If you wish to support the AI-Anon fellowship when purchasing printed literature, the only option is either through the WSO or through your local LDC. Any other method does not support the AI-Anon fellowship.

As far as what Area Literature Coordinators can report to your Areas, please remind your Area groups and members that:

- Purchasing eBooks and other electronic literature through the outside entities listed with links on our online store supports Al-Anon Family Groups.
- Purchasing printed literature through the WSO or your local LDC supports Al-Anon Family Groups, including local Al-Anon services.
- Purchasing new printed literature through outside entities has a very high markup to support the outside entities..
- Purchasing used printed literature through outside entities may save you money, but it supports the outside entities.

Groups and members all have a choice-they can support local Al-Anon services and the Al-Anon fellowship or they can support outside entities.. We remain obedient to the unenforceable, but when groups and members are aware, many will choose to help Al-Anon be self-supporting.”

4. Newly available in digital format is the Hope for Today daily reader. Also available digitally are: How Al-Anon Works, Courage to Change, One Day at a Time in Al-Anon, Alateen - Hope for Children of Alcoholics, and Having Had a Spiritual Awakening....

5. In response to questions regarding the copyright of Al-Anon/Alateen Conference Approved Literature, specifically the approved calendar quotes, Director Tom Coffey wrote the following:

“Because the CAL Quotes were approved specifically for service arm fundraising calendars, please send requests for any other use to me, as these would be determined on a case-by-case basis.

CAL Quotes that were approved for a prior year can be used for a future calendar, as long as only quotes from that year are used, and not a mix-and-match of several years. Permission can be granted to reprint a quotation from CAL on an Area convention bookmark that is included in a registration packet or sold to cover costs to make the bookmark, provided the proper form is submitted. Click here: <https://al-anon.org/reprint-permission/>“

Yours in service,  
Ann F.

## AAPP (Area Alateen Process Person) Report

As of May 29, 2020

- 26 Registered Alateen Groups
  - 0 marked for deletion
- 12 Inactive Alateen Groups
  
- 90 Active Al-anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)
  - 47 Pending registration/re-certification
    - DEADLINE for re-certification is August 15, 2020. There will be no exceptions according to WSO. Please have all re-certifications in to me in time to add them to the data base
  - 7 AMIAS still need FBI checks.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Irvin

## 2020 Spring Assembly – Handbook Committee

After several phone conversations with Phil, the Committee has decided to just “re-do” the Bylaws and Handbook. “Re-do” means completely retyping them, but not changing anything. This will be done under the “style and edit” change authorization previously done with a 2000 amendment that was inadvertently omitted.

Both documents, from the standpoint of editing, are a nightmare. It’s nearly impossible to make changes without MAJOR re-formatting on paragraphs, pages, etc. Creating two, new “clean” documents will make future changes much easier.

It’s anticipated this will be accomplished in time for the 2020 Fall Assembly.

Buff N  
Handbook Committee Chair

## OAC / Two Day Fall Liaison Report

Spring Assembly 2020

Sandra F.

As everyone knows, the 2020 Ohio Area Convention was canceled which made all those who planned to attend very sad.

I have been working with the 2021 Ohio Area Convention Committee is meeting and plans are in progress. Next year's event is being planned and hosted by the Districts of Youngstown.

As for Fall assembly 2020, District of Columbus are hosting this event. It is scheduled to be held at the downtown Holiday Inn in Columbus. Plans are on hold since we do not know if the event will be held at that location or virtually. Currently, groups larger than 10 are allowed in the state of Ohio. More information will be forthcoming about this event. Whether it is held in person or virtually, it is an election assembly where officers and coordinators for Panel 61 will be elected.

Looking into the future:

Fall Assembly 2021 Host committee is District of Dayton

Fall Assembly 2022 Host Committee is Districts of Youngstown

Ohio Area Convention 2022 host committee is Districts of Toledo

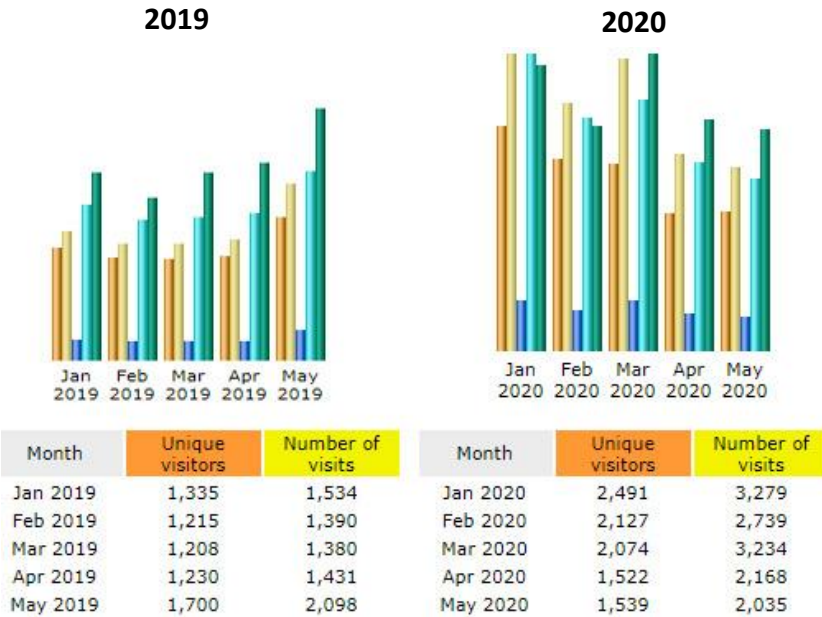


# OHIO ASSEMBLY WEB REPORT – 06/05/2020

Our 5-month average web traffic is up 31.5% since this same period last year (see Figure 1). The increased traffic is likely due to searches for online meetings during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Figure 1.

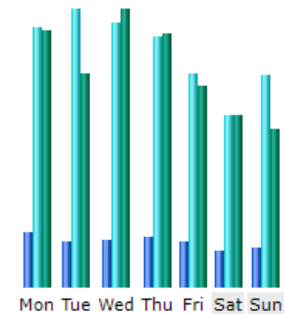
## Web site traffic comparison 2019/2020



The most visited pages are the Welcome page, then the meeting list, then the Ohio Area contact information page, followed by documents and calendar.

The most popular downloaded files in 2020 continue to be the Alateen GR-3 Form. Next, the 2020 Spring AWSC Minutes. Then, the Handbook, and the GR handouts, followed by the Group Change Form (pdf).

## Weekly Trend MAY 2020



## Type of Browsers Used

1. Google Chrome 44.8%
2. Safari 42.2 %
3. Firefox 4.6%
4. MS Internet Explorer 3.2%
5. MS Edge 2.8%
6. Other 2.4%

## Types of Devices?

1. MS Windows 44.3%
2. Iphone 22.1%
3. Android 17.9%
4. Mac 12.2%
5. Other 3.5%

## How Are Visitors Finding Us?

1. Bingbot (MS Bing)
2. Googlebot (Google)
3. Spider
4. Baiduspider
5. Yandex
6. Applebot
7. DuckDuckGo

## 2020 Spring Assembly - Ohio Area Convention Report

This report is the “preliminary” final report on the 2020 Area Convention. It’s being prepared now to be available for the Spring Assembly. The Convention Committee will be holding at least one more meeting (probably virtual) and will create the “After Action Report” at that time. The plan is to have that report ready by the Fall AWSC Assembly meeting in August.

Planning for the Convention was moving along extremely well until the “Stay At Home” order issued by the Governor. At that time, the COVID-19 outbreak was moving rapidly and, on March 22, an email was sent to the Area Chairman requesting that the Area Convention just be canceled. This request was made, in part, because the Convention hotel would not agree to moving the date to an August time frame, and there was only a limited time to cancel the contract and receive the deposit back from the hotel. Also, at that time, the total expenditure of funds was approximately \$280, not including the hotel deposit, but additional expenses would soon be incurred for publicity, registration materials and the like.

The Area Chairman and the Delegate surveyed the Officers and AWSC members and, by a 21-3 vote, approved canceling the Area Convention.

Following the decision of the AWSC, the Convention Committee posted the cancelation on the MVAIS web site and the information was also posted on the AFG of Ohio web site. The dedicated email set up for the convention was left open for the balance of the month of April in case anyone had any questions. That email has now been canceled as well.

The Convention Treasurer subsequently submitted an Expense Voucher to the Area Treasurer in the amount of \$279.99 for expenses incurred. In addition, the Convention Treasurer also issued refunds totaling \$780.00 for 12 Convention & banquet reservations, at \$65 each, that had been received.

The Convention Committee will be meeting sometime in June and each committee will prepare a report to be included in the final report.

The Committee thanks the AWSC for moving quickly on the request to cancel. It was unfortunate and certainly unforeseen, but the final expenses were kept at a minimum.

Phil Hoffman  
for the Convention Committee

### **DATES TO REMEMBER: (<https://ohioal-anon.org/calendar.html>)**

- KOMIAC 2020 – July 25, 2020 from 10am to 10pm via ZOOM (for Alateen and Alateen sponsors only).
- Fall AWSC meeting – August 29, 2020 via Zoom
- Two Day Fall Assembly – scheduled for Columbus presently.
- ZOOM with the Delegate – August 15, 2020 at 4PM

**New Business:**

A task force will be formed for Cashless Options for payment. Mary Jo M, and Sheri B. have volunteered for this task force.

A task force will be formed for Geographically Isolated Groups. Joni F., and Mary Jo M. have volunteered for this task force.

It was voted (not a motion) to hold the Fall Assembly via zoom due to the inability to meet in person.

**ADJOURN:**

Phil H., Friday Night AFG motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Marilyn V., Berea Friday AM AFG. The meeting was adjourned with the Al-Anon/Alateen Declaration at 4:27pm